

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (*Currently amended*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate, the polymer inclusive substrate including an interior surface to be closest to a vehicle window and an exterior surface to be further from the window than is the interior surface;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween, and the thermoplastic elastomer portion is more flexible than the substrate; ~~and~~

wherein said substrate includes a projection extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate, and wherein said projection extending from the substrate does not contact said thermoplastic elastomer portion that includes the lip or leg that is for engaging the surface or edge of the vehicle window; and

wherein no portion of the polymer inclusive substrate covers any outer side portion of the vehicle window on a side of the window engaged by the flexible lip or leg.

10. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 9, wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion comprises an approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the polymer inclusive substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of said substrate fits into a channel defined between the first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the thermoplastic elastomer portion.

11. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 9, wherein the substrate comprises nylon and propylene.

12. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 9, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer portion at least partially defines a cavity, wherein one side of the cavity is defined by a first portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and another side of said cavity is defined by a portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion that is to engage the window.

13. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 12, wherein the first portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion that defines said one side of the cavity is bonded to the interior surface of the substrate.

14. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 12, wherein the cavity is for receiving an edge of the window.

15. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 9, wherein the applique is an A-pillar applique for use in an A-pillar area of the vehicle, and wherein the window is a vehicle windshield.

16. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 9, wherein said projection extends from the exterior surface of the substrate, and the thermoplastic elastomer portion is at least partially attached to the interior surface of the substrate, so that the projection and thermoplastic elastomer portion are at least partially on opposite sides of the substrate.

17. (*Currently amended*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate, the polymer inclusive substrate including an interior surface to be closest to a vehicle window and an exterior surface to be further from the window than is the interior surface;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded to each other at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion is more flexible than the substrate; ~~and~~

wherein said substrate includes a projection extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate, and wherein said projection extending from the substrate does not contact said thermoplastic elastomer portion that includes the lip or leg that is for engaging the surface or edge of the vehicle window; and

wherein no portion of the polymer inclusive substrate covers any outer side portion of the vehicle window on a side of the window engaged by the flexible lip or leg.

18. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 17, wherein the applique is an A-pillar applique for use in an A-pillar area of the vehicle, and wherein the window is a vehicle windshield.